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EVERY MONDAY 45p

Buster

with **WHIZZER** and **CHIPS**

**FREE
GIFT**

News Inside

YO, DUDES!

**CAPTAIN
CRUCIAL
IS BACK**

PLUS

*The Vampire Brats...
Bruise Brothers...
School Belle...
AND SO MUCH MORE*

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I'M OFF TO VISIT MY OLD GRANDAD!



ULP! I WONDER IF MY POWERS WILL FADE AWAY WHEN I'M AN OLD MAN!



I'M OFF TO COLLECT MY PENSION, READERS!



I'LL RACE YOU TO THE POST OFFICE, OLD RAINBOW!



PUFF! HE'S TOO FAST FOR ME! TIME FOR A COLOUR-CHANGE...



...AND TO USE MY OLD CUNNING!



ODD! A PAIR OF RUNAWAY ROLLER SKATES!



YOU OLD CHEAT, RAINBOW!

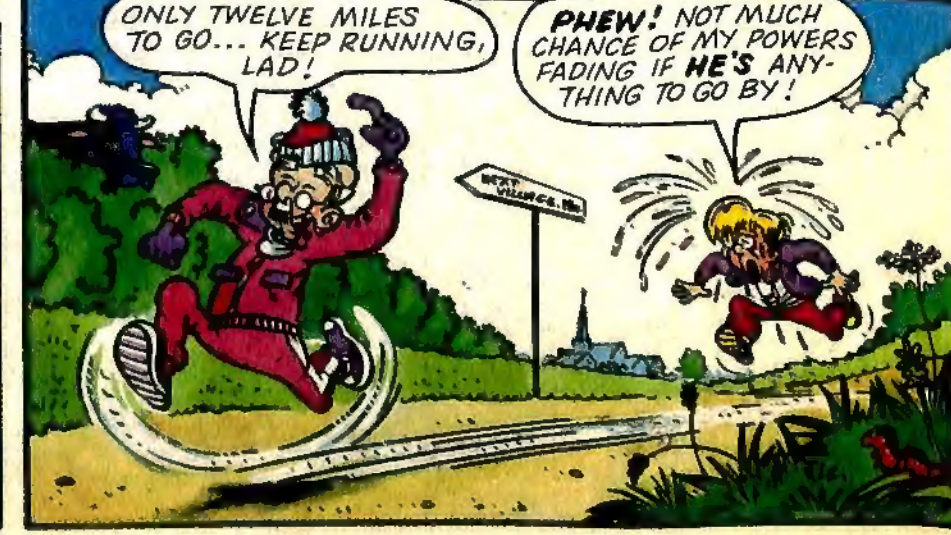
BAH! MY COLOUR-CHANGING POWERS ARE FADING FAST!



BACK TO REALITY...

COME ON, YOUNG RICKY-I'M OUT FOR A JOG!

GRANDAD!



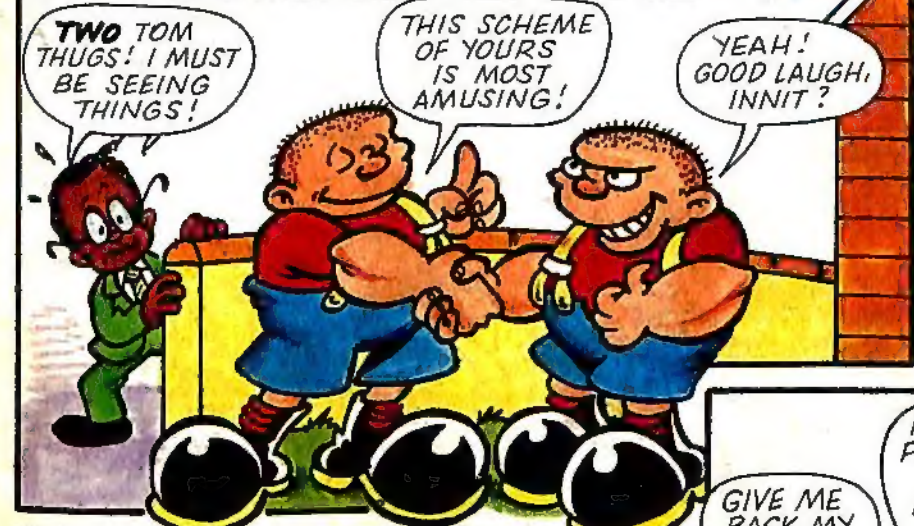
ONLY TWELVE MILES TO GO... KEEP RUNNING, LAD!

PHEW! NOT MUCH CHANCE OF MY POWERS FADING IF HE'S ANYTHING TO GO BY!

Tom Thug's Skooldayz

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CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK: TOM THUG HAS APPARENTLY BECOME INTELLIGENT, BUT WAYNE BRAYNE FOLLOWED HIM TO DISCOVER... THE TRUTH!



TWO TOM THUGS! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS!

THIS SCHEME OF YOURS IS MOST AMUSING!

YEAH! GOOD LAUGH, INNIT?



MELVIN, FROM "MELVIN'S MIRROR" PAGE!

YOU'RE NOT SEEING THINGS, WAYNE! TOM STOLE MY MAGIC MIRROR... THAT'S HIS MIRRORLAND DOUBLE!

SO!



OI! YOU TWO!

FLIPPIN' ECK! I'M OFF!



GIVE ME BACK MY MIRROR!

NO NEED FOR FISTICUFFS! I WAS UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT IT BELONGED TO YOUR TOM!



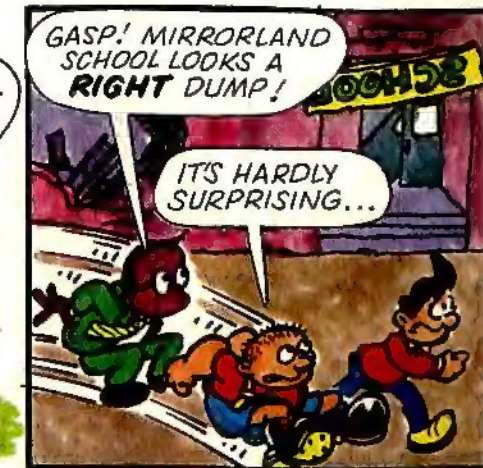
YOU SEE, TOM AND I AGREED TO EXCHANGE PLACES! I HAD NO IDEA OF THE DECEIT INVOLVED!

IF YOU'RE NO BULLY, WHY DRESS LIKE THAT?



IN MIRRORLAND, BOVVER BOOTS AND SHAVEN HEADS ARE SYMBOLS OF HIGH INTELLIGENCE!

WELL TOM'S IN MIRRORLAND-SO LET'S GET HIM!



GASP! MIRRORLAND SCHOOL LOOKS A RIGHT DUMP!

IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING...



...ALL THE CHILDREN HERE ARE BULLIES EXCEPT ME!

HUH! I BET OUR TOM FITS IN WELL THEN!



APPARENTLY NOT!

'ELP! LEMME OUTTA 'ERE!

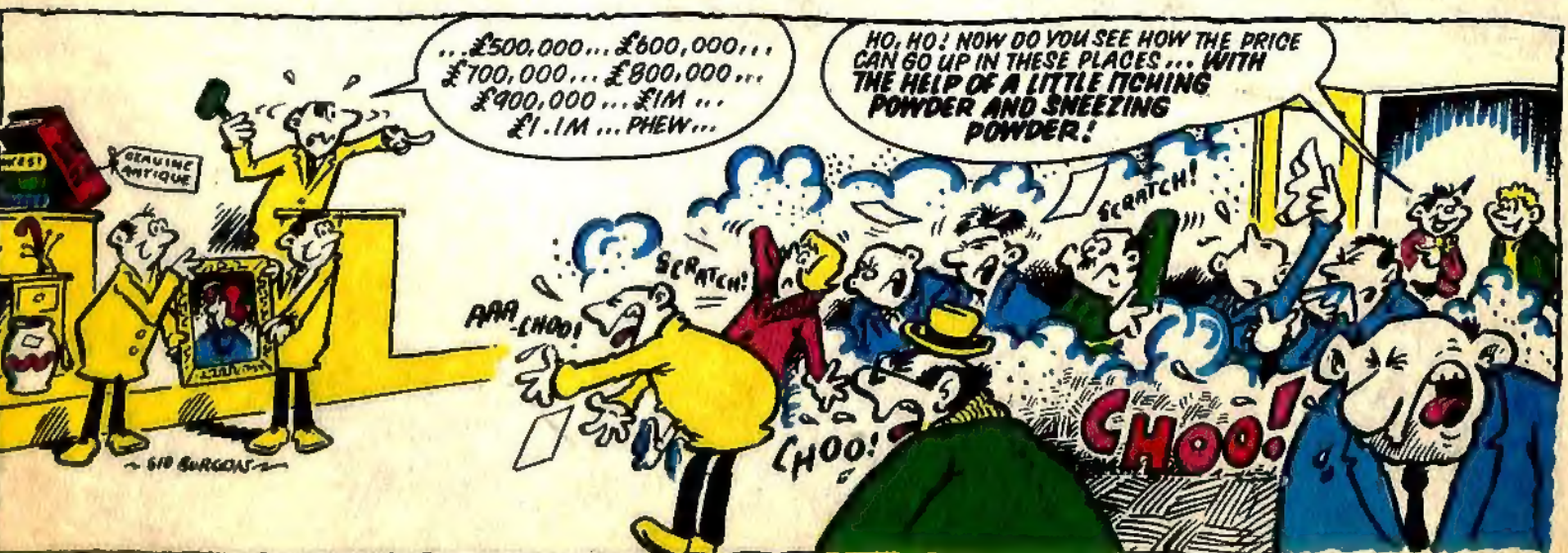
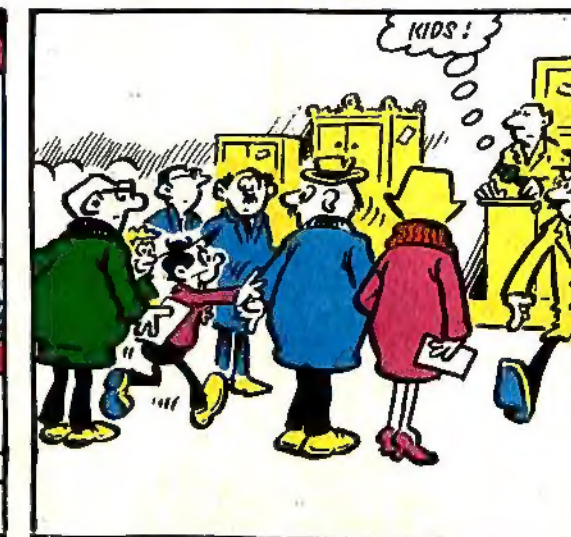
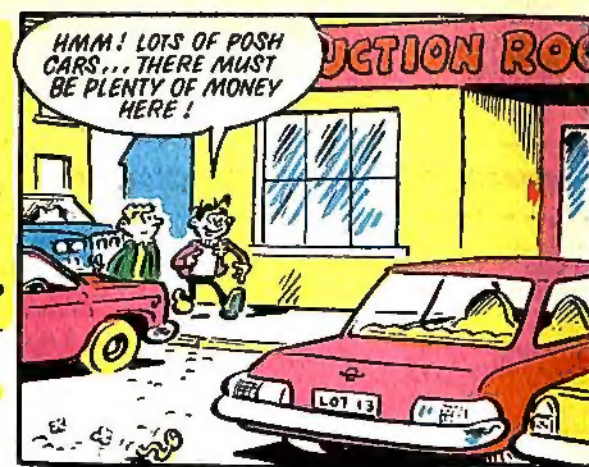


THE DEAL'S OFF! I'M GOIN' 'OME!



I THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY A SCHOOL FULL OF BULLIES, TOM!

YEAH... BUT A SCHOOL FULL OF BULLIES NEEDS A VICTIM... AN' IT WUZ ME! DUUUUH...!!



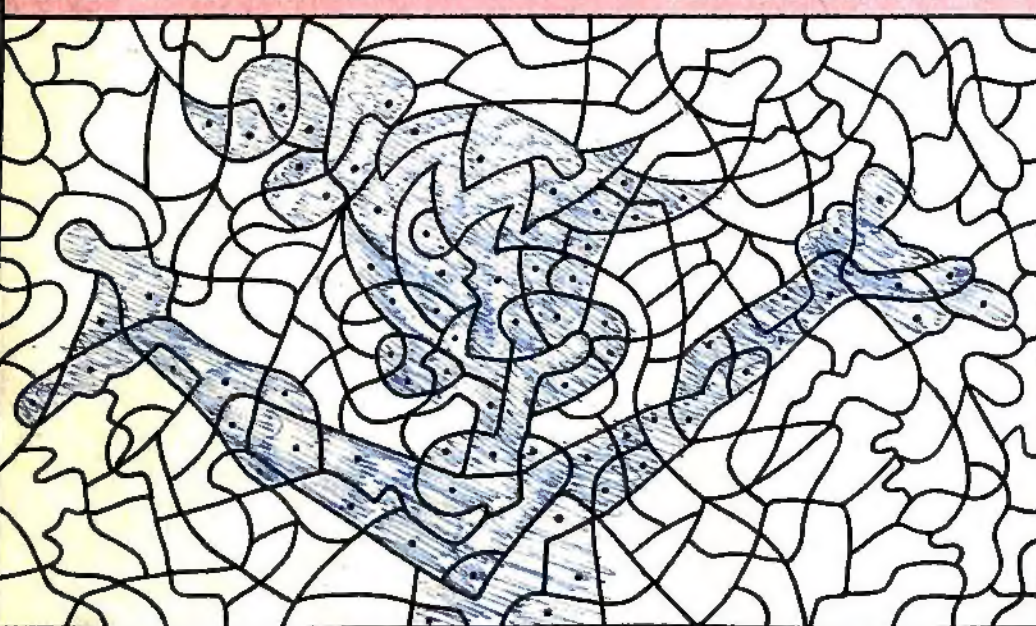
THE BRUISE BROTHERS



Brain Busters!

Be a BUSTER Artist!

CAREFULLY SHADE IN EACH SPACE THAT CONTAINS A DOT AND YOU'LL DRAW YOUR OWN PICTURE OF A BUSTER CHARACTER!



SILLY B QUIZ

ALL THE ANSWERS BEGIN WITH "B"!



- 1 IN WHICH SPORT IS A SHUTTLECOCK USED INSTEAD OF A BALL?
- 2 WHICH WALT DISNEY FILM STARRED A YOUNG DEER?
- 3 WHAT SUPER-HERO'S SECRET IDENTITY IS BRUCE WAYNE?
- 4 WHICH ANIMAL BUILDS DAMS AND LIVES IN A LODGE?
- 5 NAME THE CAPITAL OF THAILAND.

ANSWERS ~ SILLY B QUIZ: 1. BADMINTON! 2. BAMBI! 3. BATMAN! 4. BEAVER! 5. BANGKOK.

PRIZE WORDSEARCH!

£20 TO BE WON EVERY WEEK!

Can you find all the listed words in this wordsearch? Each word is in a straight line, but may be in any direction. Draw a line through each word on the grid, complete the coupon with your name and address, then cut out and send the coupon AND puzzle to: WORDSEARCH No.8., BUSTER COMIC, FLEETWAY PUBLICATIONS, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 3XB, to arrive by 19th March, which is the closing date. The senders of the first four correct entries opened will each win £5.

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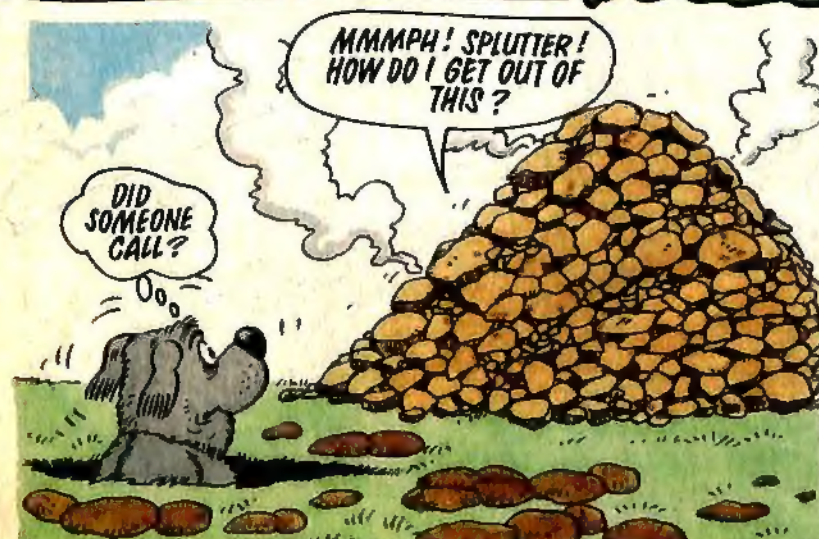
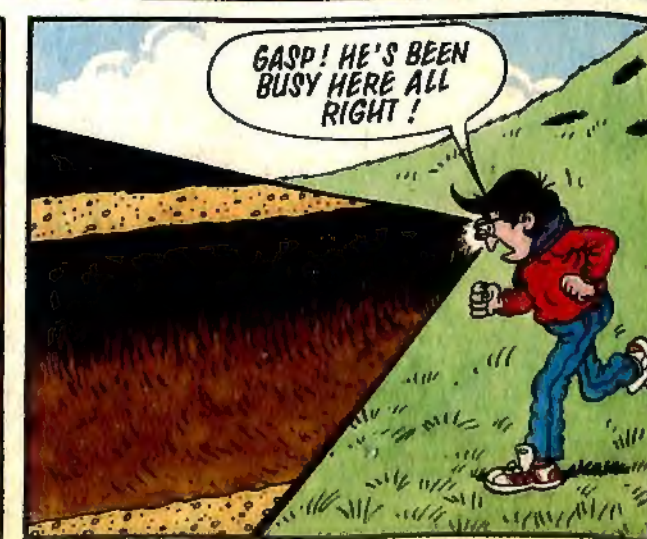
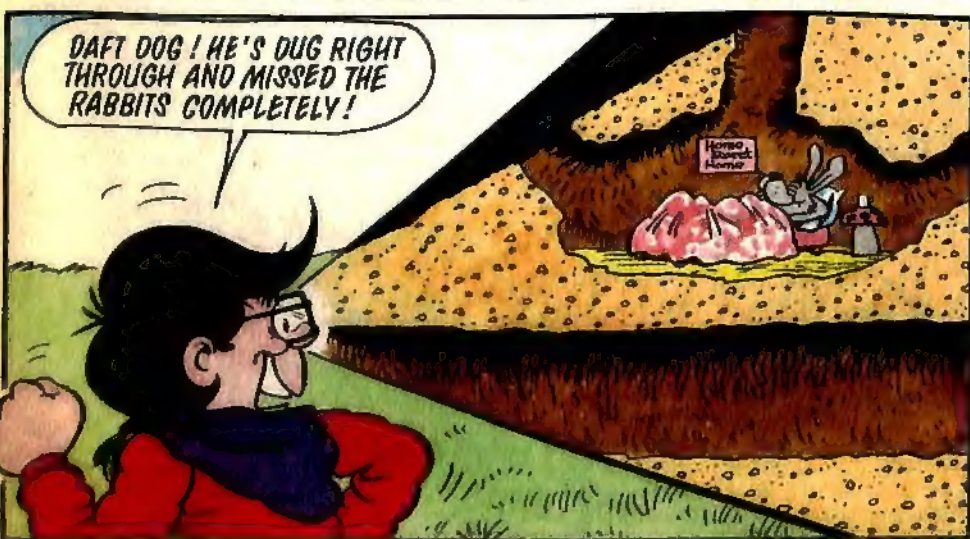
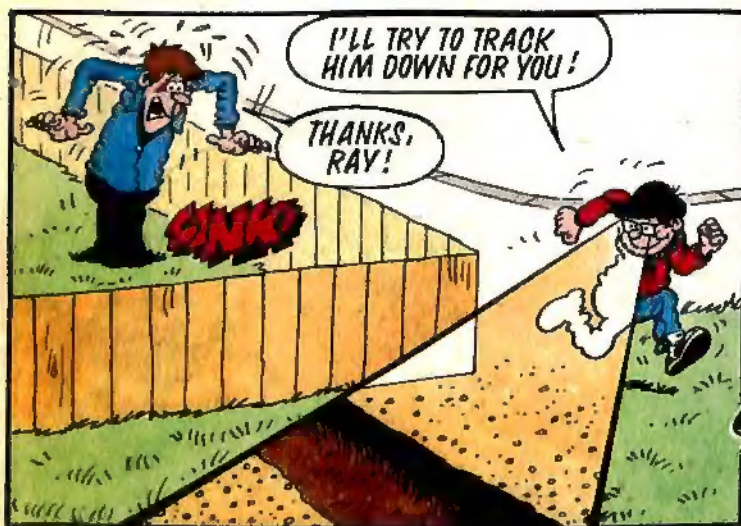
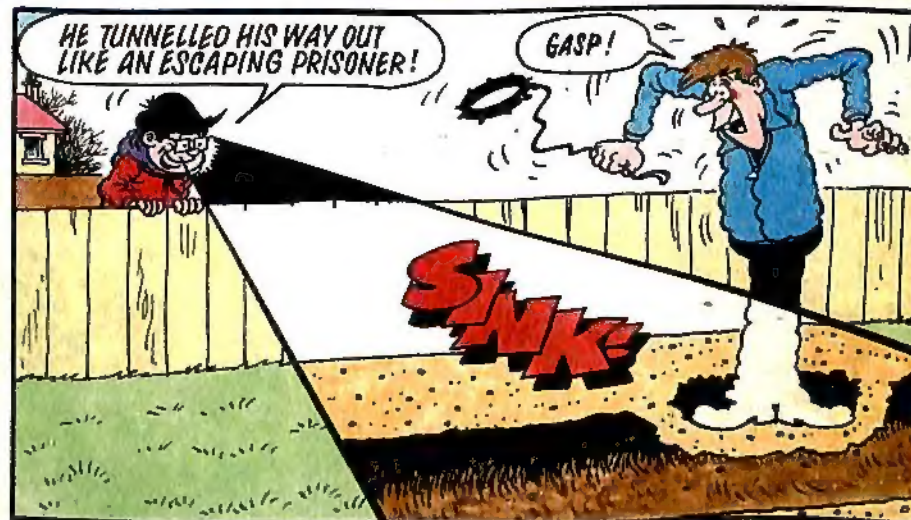
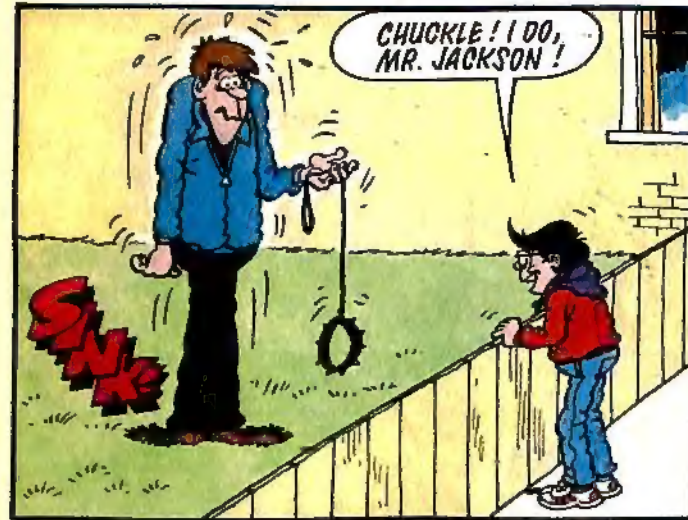
HERE'S A BIG CHALLENGE, BUDDIES! EVERY WORD BEGINS WITH "B"!



The Vampire Bats



X-RAY SPECS



DRACULA DOBBBS



STARTING NEXT WEEK...

Fabulous FREE GIFTS COMING TO **Buster** with WHIZZER and CHIPS



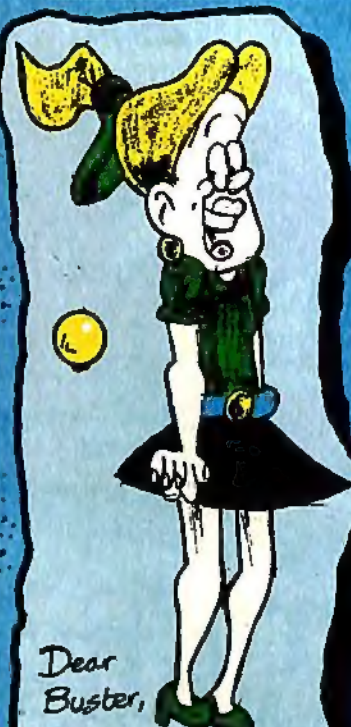
McCOWAN'S **Buster Bar**

BUSTER with **WHIZZER** and **CHIPS** - the **NUMBER ONE** all-colour comic - has got a terrific line-up of **FREE GIFTS** coming your way during March. And to get things off to a tasty start, why not tuck into a delicious **BUSTER BAR**... it's **FREE** with issue dated 16th March.

We regret this gift is not available to overseas readers

STARTING NEXT WEEK...

Buster's Pin-board



Dear Buster,
School Belle is one of my favourite characters, so please print my picture of her before her "new look".
-TRACY QUIDLEY, PALMERS GREEN, LONDON.

Dear Buster,
Can I have the honour of having my picture of the "new-look" School Belle printed in your comic.
-howri Jones, Llandysul.

HAPPY 15th ANNIVERSARY to MUM and Dad with love from Charlotte Williams, Birmingham.

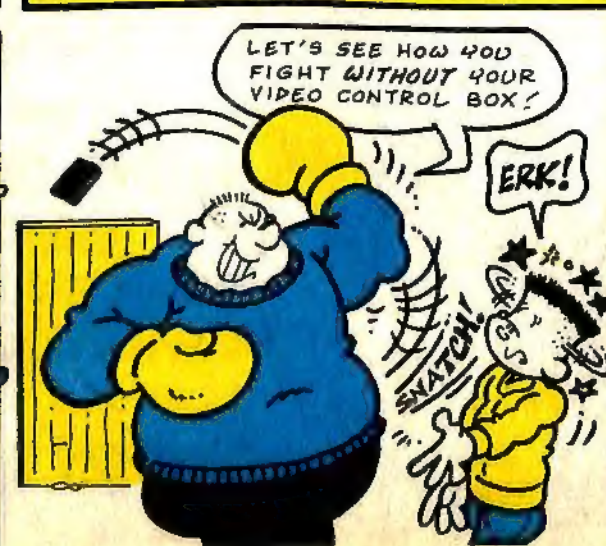
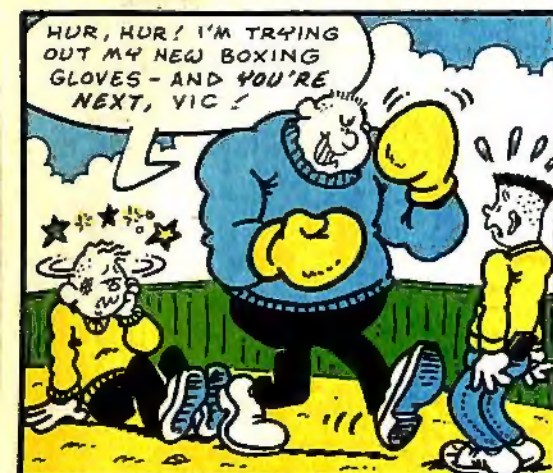


£2 for every item printed -Buster

◎ RAD RAP! ◎

Buster is fab, Buster is shrewd, Everybody knows that he is a dood, Mega stories from front to back, Buster is always on the right track!

-Ian Wilton, Broomgrove.



Buster Comic, Fleetway Publications, PO Box 164, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3XB.

Dear Buster £2

THE SENDER OF EACH LETTER PUBLISHED RECEIVES



Dear Buster,
I've sent you this picture of my cat, Donald, because I couldn't think of anything else to send you.
-EDWARD COLVILLE, HARPENDEN.
...And I'm printing your picture because I couldn't find anything else to print!

Dear Buster,
I think BUSTER is really whacky and brilliant, and when I showed my mates, they all started buying it, too. They like BUSTER because it is in colour and very funny. I don't know how anyone could make a complaint - even about your hat. I think it's nice and you shouldn't change it.
-STEVEN BRISTOW, SOUTH TOTTENHAM.
...My hat's off to you and your mates, Steven!



Buster's Birthday List

3 MAR - MICHAEL CASHIN, (age 10), WALMLEY.
4 MAR - ROSS MCCRINDLE (age 14), VINEY WOODSIDE.
6 MAR - FRANKIE HOWARD.
6 MAR - KIKI DEE.

IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR BIRTHDAY TO APPEAR ON BUSTER'S LIST, SEND YOUR NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS, "BUSTER'S BIRTHDAY LIST", TO: THE BUSTER ADDRESS.

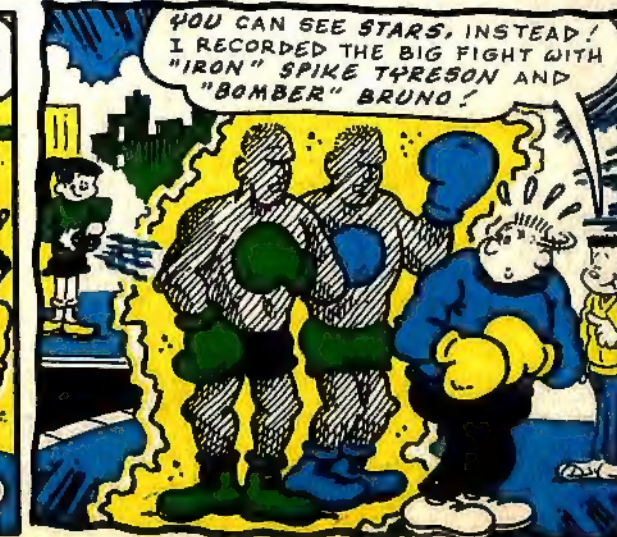
A special Buster "Hello" to Private Powell - who wrote to me recently from the Gulf! I hope you got all the Buster goodies I sent you! I know you and your platoon love reading my crucial comic - and it just goes to show that "BUSTER REACHES THE PLATOONS OTHER COMICS CANNOT REACH!"



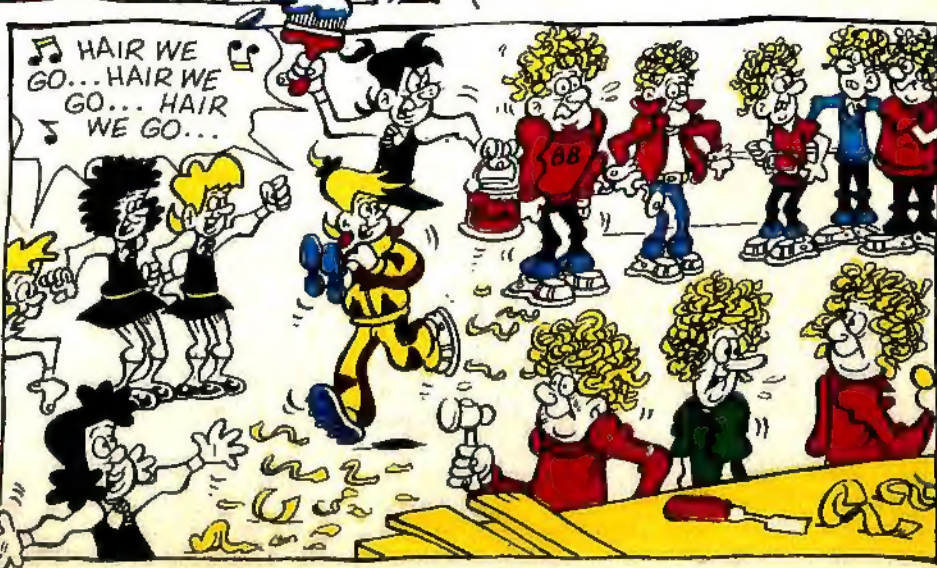
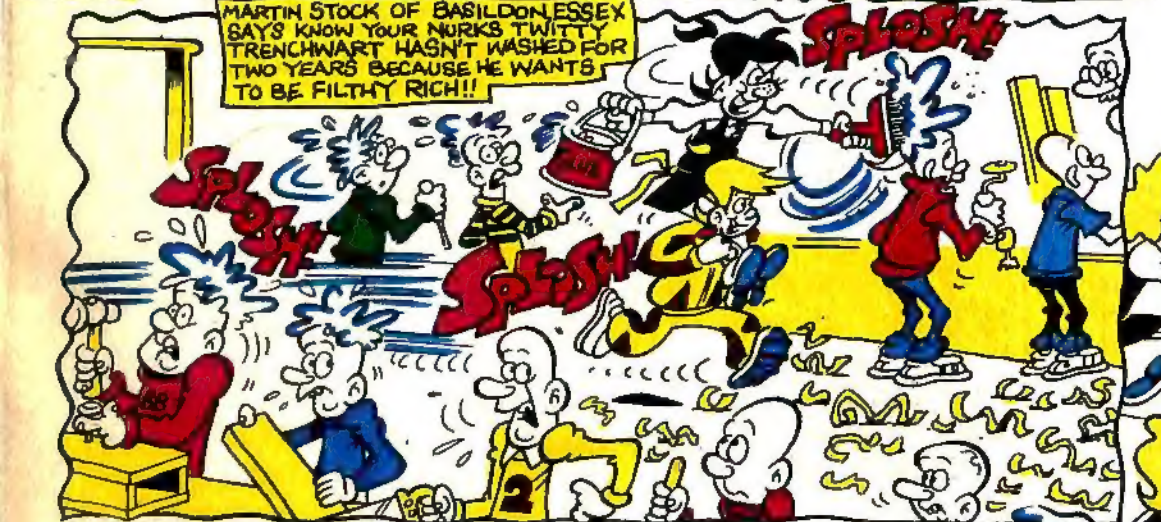
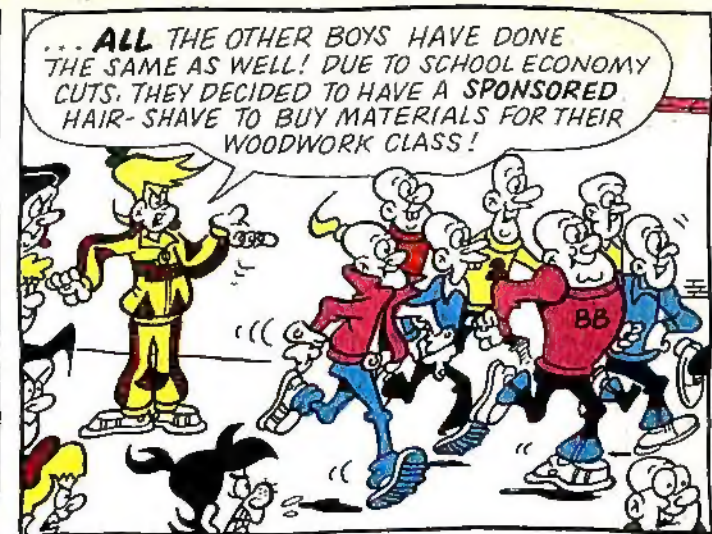
Please fill in and send this coupon when you write to me.

The coolest pages in BUSTER are:

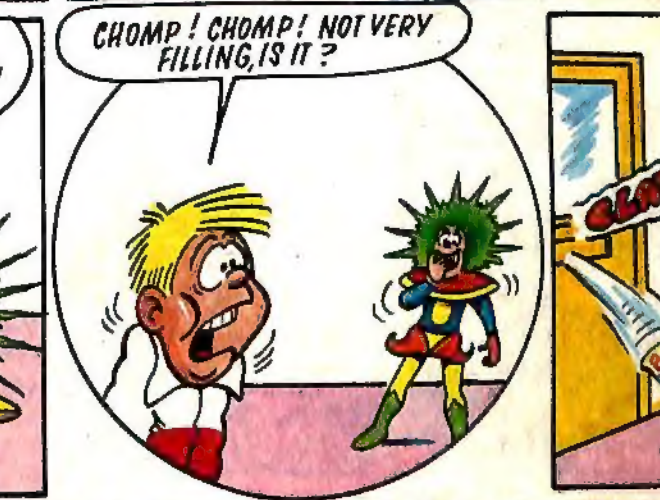
1. _____
2. _____
I think this is boring: _____



SCHOOL BELLE



DOUBLE TROUBLE



THE CRAZIEST CHARACTERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC!

CAPTAIN CRUCIAL

THE COOL CRUSADER!

YO! DUDE!

IN A TOP DEPARTMENT STORE...

I'M GOING TO TRY THIS GROOVY-MONDO GEAR!

YO! TRENDY CITY!

AAAGH!

ERK! WHAT'S OCCURRED, DUDE?

PLOO!

BLITHER!

WAAGGH! NAFFSVILLE! YOU'VE TURNED UTTERLY UNSTYLISH!

ACROSS THE GALAXIES...

I'M PICKING UP UNCOOL VIBES FROM PLANET EARTH!

PLANET POSEUR

BEEP

THE ANNIHILATOR OF NAFFNESS SPRINGS INTO ACTION!

SOME CRAZY CUBICLE IS CRUSHING CRUCIALITY!

VON!

SPARKS MENCERS

THERE IT IS!

PAY HERE

NEVER FEAR! CAPTAIN CRUCIAL IS HERE!

EEEEEEK!

GET OUT!

SORRY, LADY! WRONG CUBICLE!

AAA! THAT'S THE DUDE DESTROYING DEMON!

HELP! IT'S SUCKING ME IN!

PLOO!

SWOOP!

GRAB!

PHEW!

WHAT IS THAT THING?

EEK!

THIS COULD BE THE END OF GROOVY STYLE AS WE KNOW IT!

DA-DA!

DRAMATIC MUSIC.

THE ARMY ARE NO MATCH FOR IT!

IT'S BUNGED UP OUR GUNS WITH TANK TOPS!

PYONG!

IT'S FIRING COAT-HANGERS!

I HAVE A PLAN!

A PILE OF STYLISH SPORTS SUITS SHOULD ATTRACT IT!

SPORT

IT'S TAKEN THE BAIT, CAPTAIN! NOW WHAT?

WAIT AND SEE!

CHOMP

BURP!

KA-BOOM!

WHAT THE...

I'D CONCEALED TANK MISSILES IN THE POCKETS!

COOL SHELL SUITS HUH? TITTER! CHILL OUT, DUDES!

GOM!

MERVYN

SPECKY HECTOR'S HISTORY OF COMICS

PART 7: ADVENTURE IN THE '60's

TIME FOR ANOTHER LOOK BACK AT OLD COMICS! THIS ISSUE I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THE GROOVIEST ADVENTURE STRIPS OF THE 1960's!

DURING BUSTER'S EARLY YEARS, A LOT OF ADVENTURE STORIES WERE FEATURED IN THE COMIC, ALONGSIDE THE FUNNIES! ONE OF THE BEST WAS MAXWELL HAWKE - A SORT OF "GHOSTBUSTER" OF THE 1960's!

LET'S GO, SIS - BEFORE HE DECIDES TO "BUST" VAMPIRES!

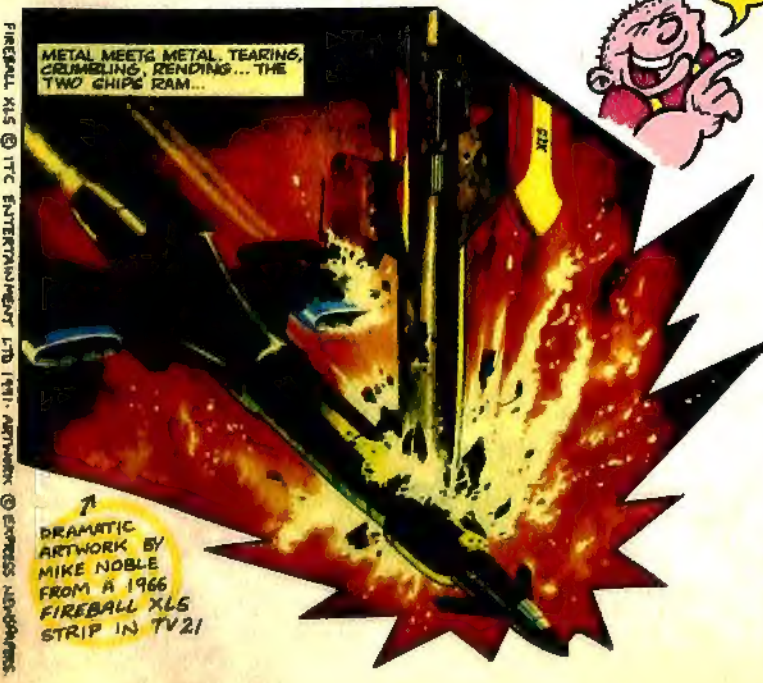
I MUST TRAVEL ON THE PHANTOM EXPRESS TONIGHT!



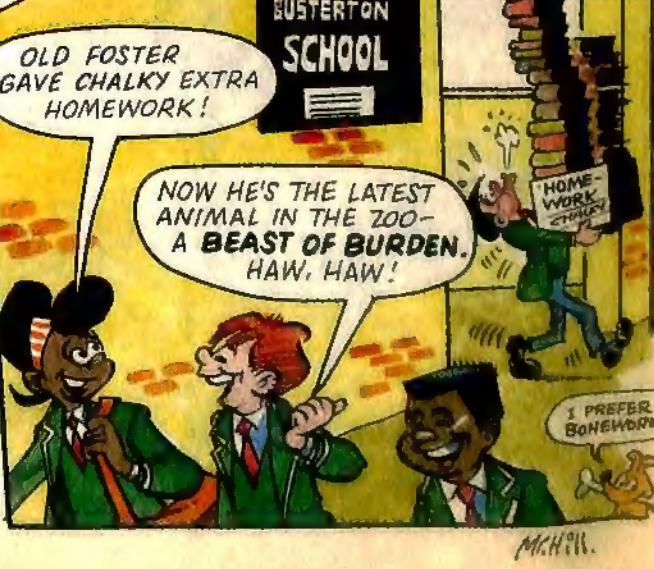
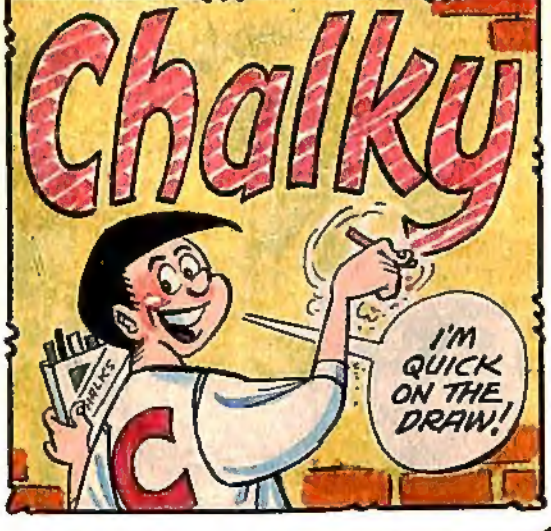
SIXTIES ADVENTURE COMICS FEATURED MANY INCREDIBLE HEROES LIKE THE STEEL CLAW, BUT IT WAS A SUPER-VILLAIN WHO WAS ONE OF THE STARS OF LION COMIC! THE SPIDER USED FANTASTIC GADGETS IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO CARRY OUT HIS CROOKED PLANS, OR BATTLE OTHER EVIL MENACES! THE CHARACTER WAS DRAWN BY REG BUNN, AND WAS CREATED BY JERRY SEIGAL - ONE OF THE MEN WHO CREATED SUPERMAN BACK IN 1938!



1965 SAW THE ARRIVAL OF TV CENTURY 21! ALTHOUGH IT WAS COVER DATED 2065, THIS WAS TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION IT WAS A FUTURISTIC COMIC, BECAUSE IT CONTAINED STRIPS BASED AROUND POPULAR SCIENCE-FICTION TV SERIES LIKE STINGRAY, FIREBALL XLS, THUNDERBIRDS AND CAPTAIN SCARLET. CREATED BY GERRY ANDERSON, TV 21 (AS IT BECAME KNOWN) FEATURED SUPERB COLOUR ARTWORK BY TOP ILLUSTRATORS LIKE MIKE NOBLE, FRANK BELLAMY, RON EMBLETON AND OTHERS, AND WAS THE TOP SELLING COMIC OF 1965!



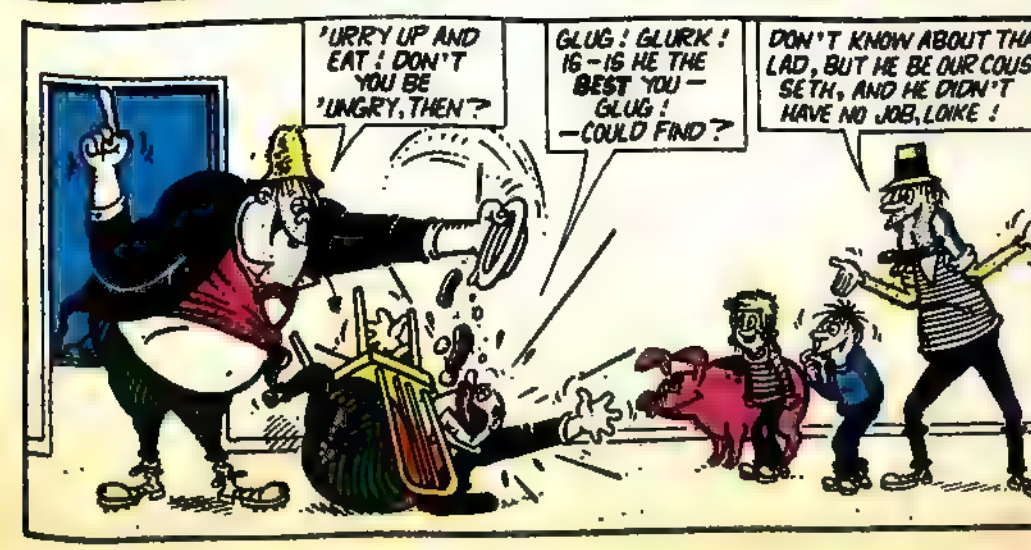
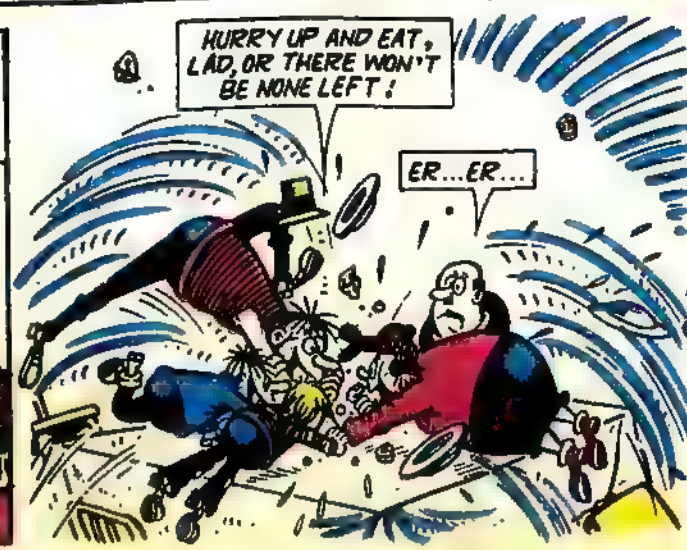
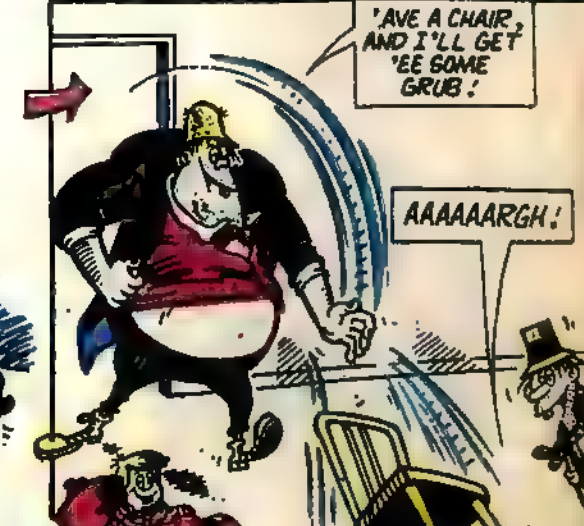
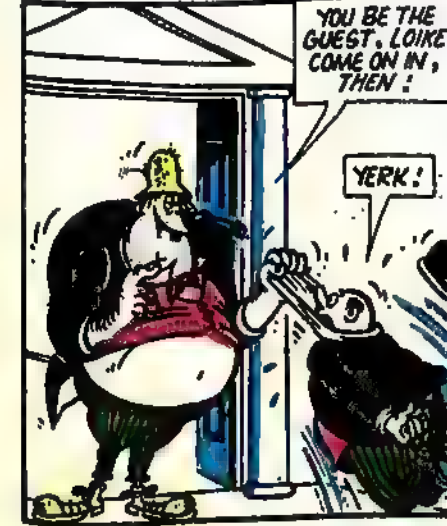
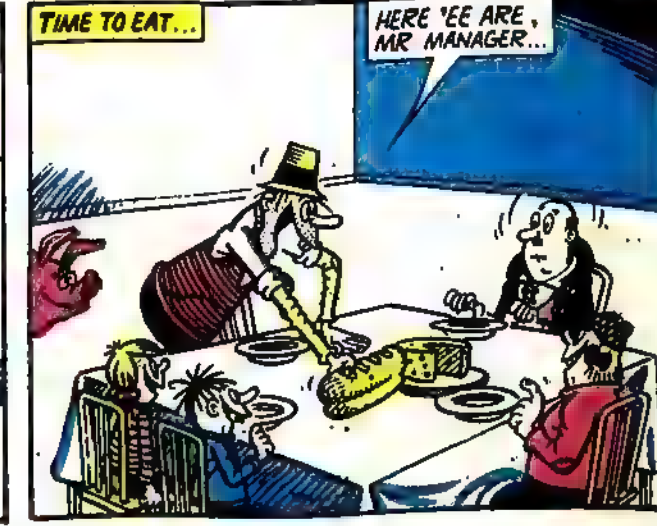
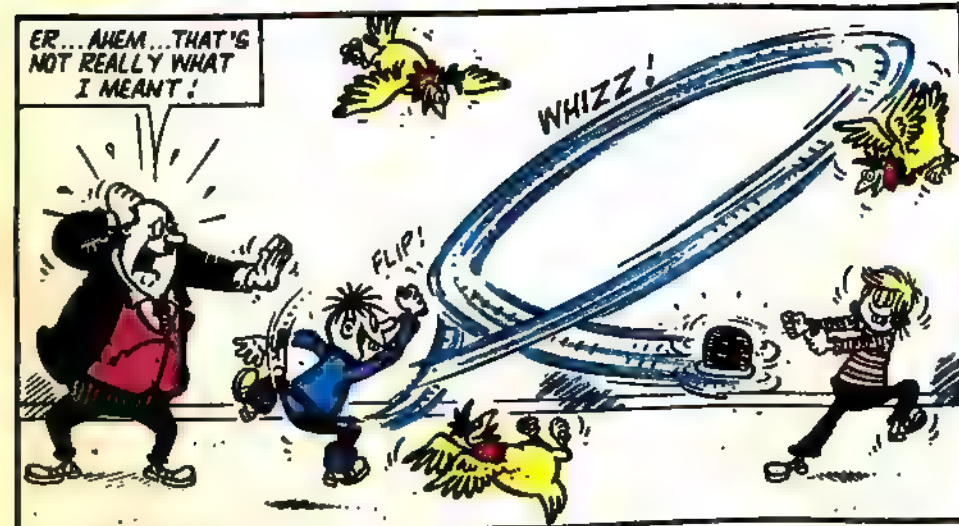
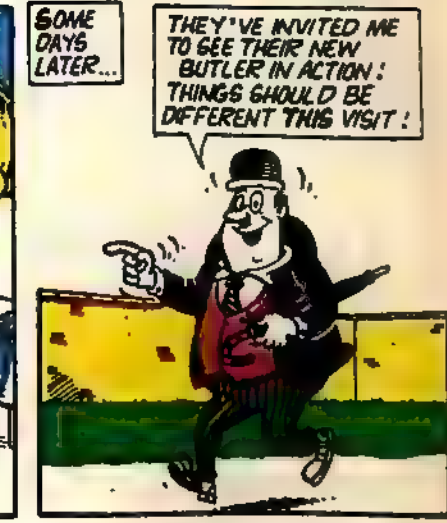
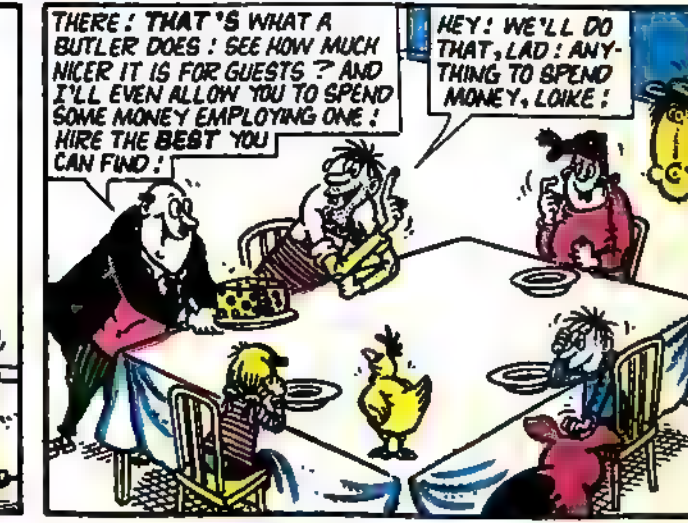
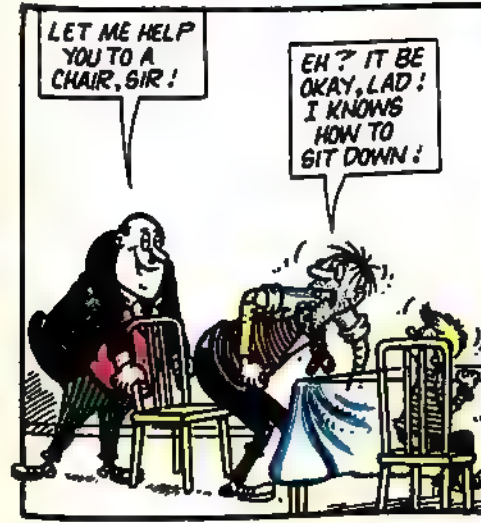
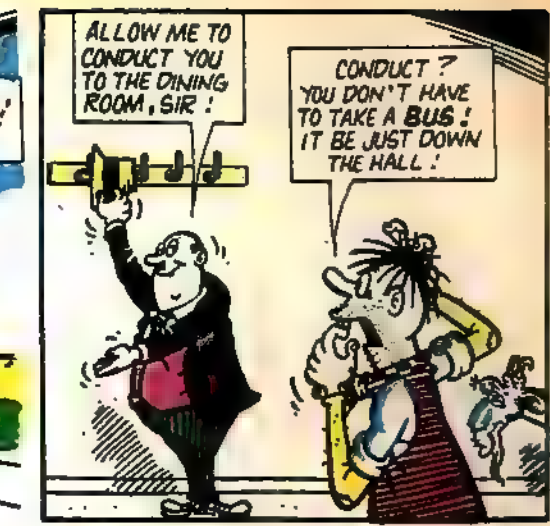
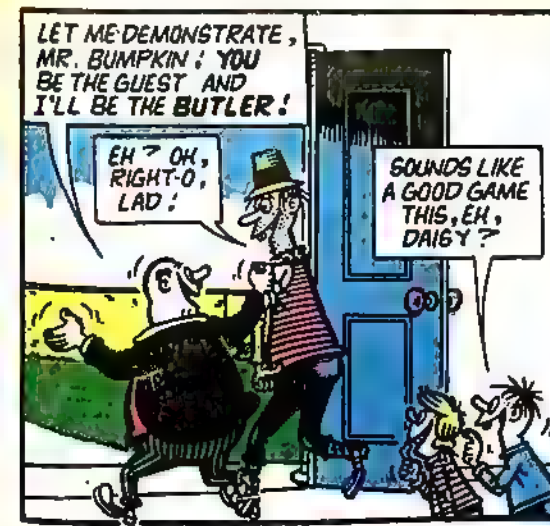
THE BATMAN TV SHOW STARTED IN 1966, AND BRITAIN WENT BAT-CRAZY! LOADS OF IMITATIONS CAME TO THE COMICS, NONE OF WHICH LASTED LONG! THE SUPER-HERO JOHNNY FUTURE RAN IN FANTASTIC COMIC DURING 1967, AND HASN'T BEEN SEEN SINCE!



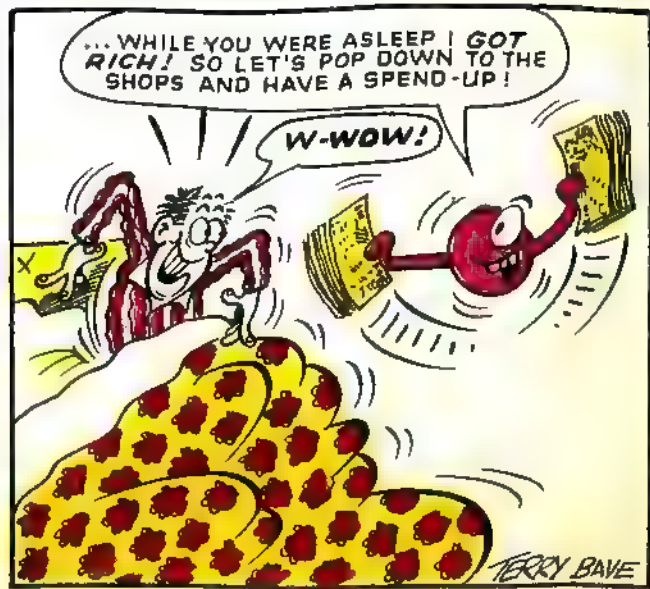
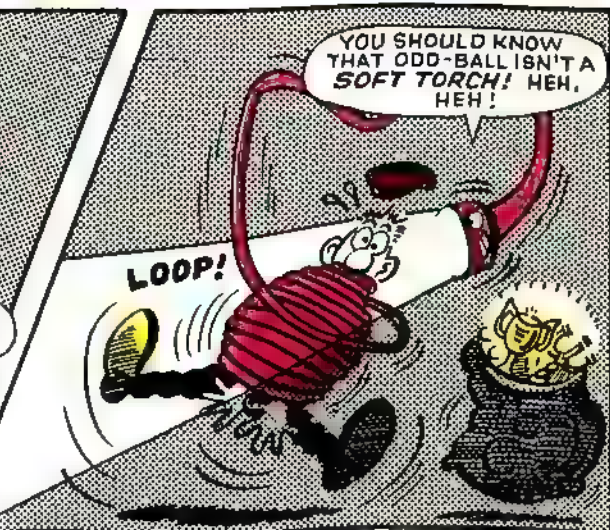
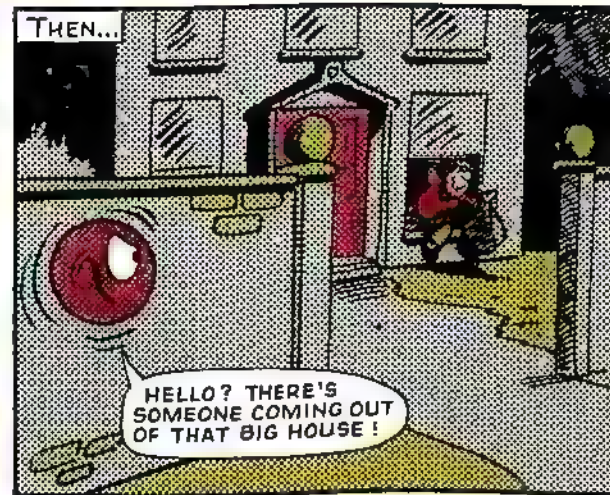
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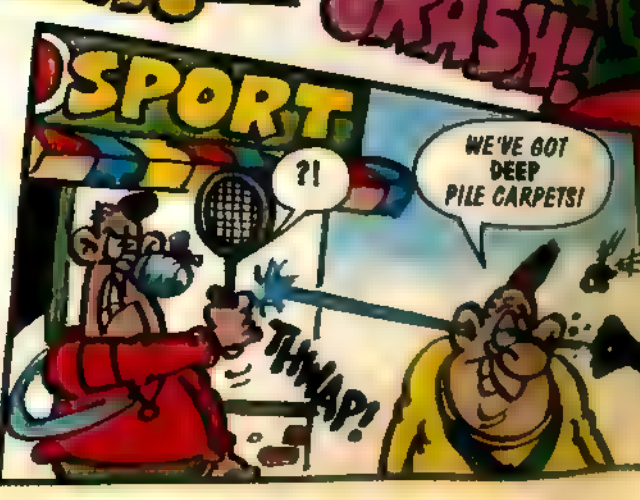
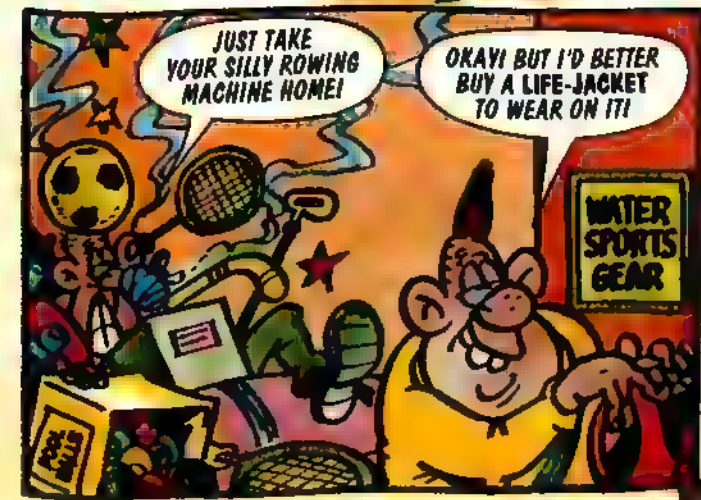
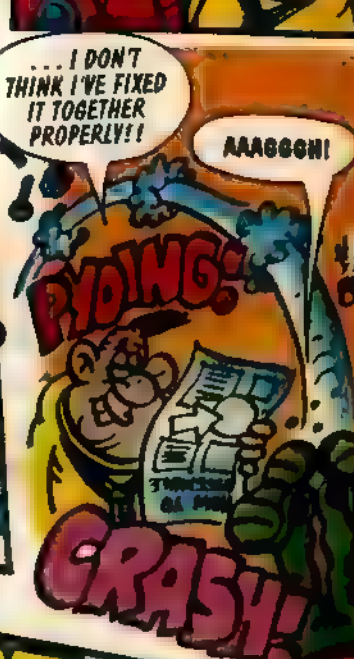
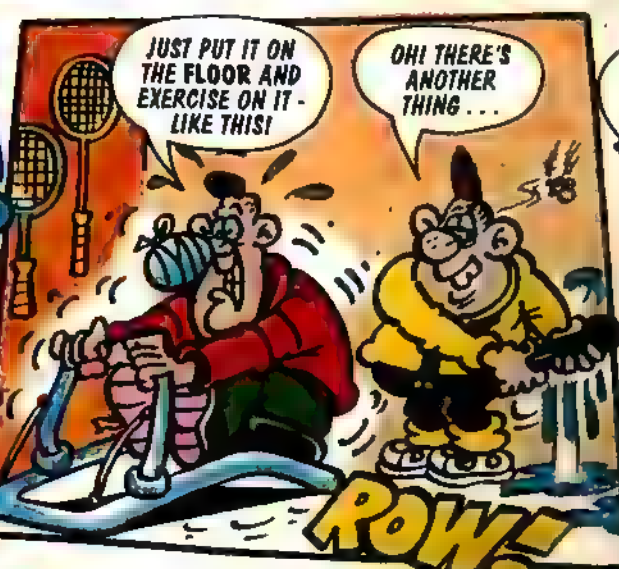
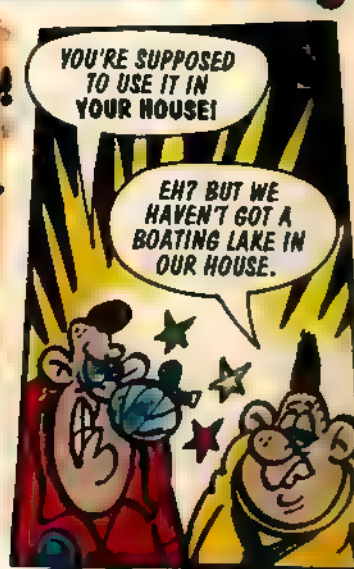
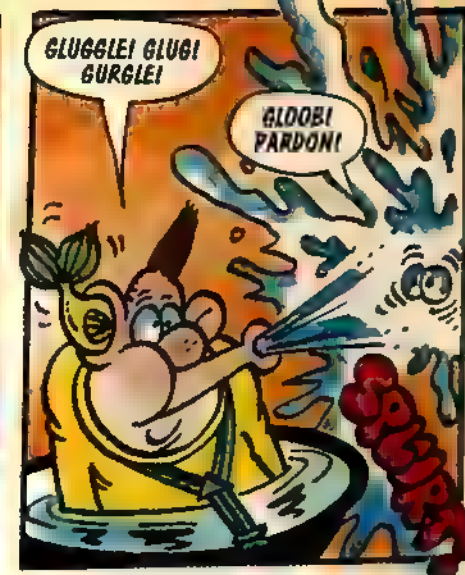
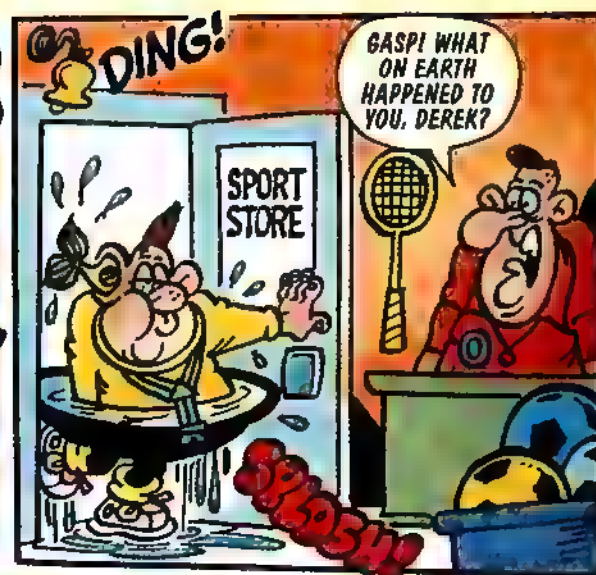
I'VE BEEN INVITED TO A MEAL WITH THE BUMPKINS, BUT I'M NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!

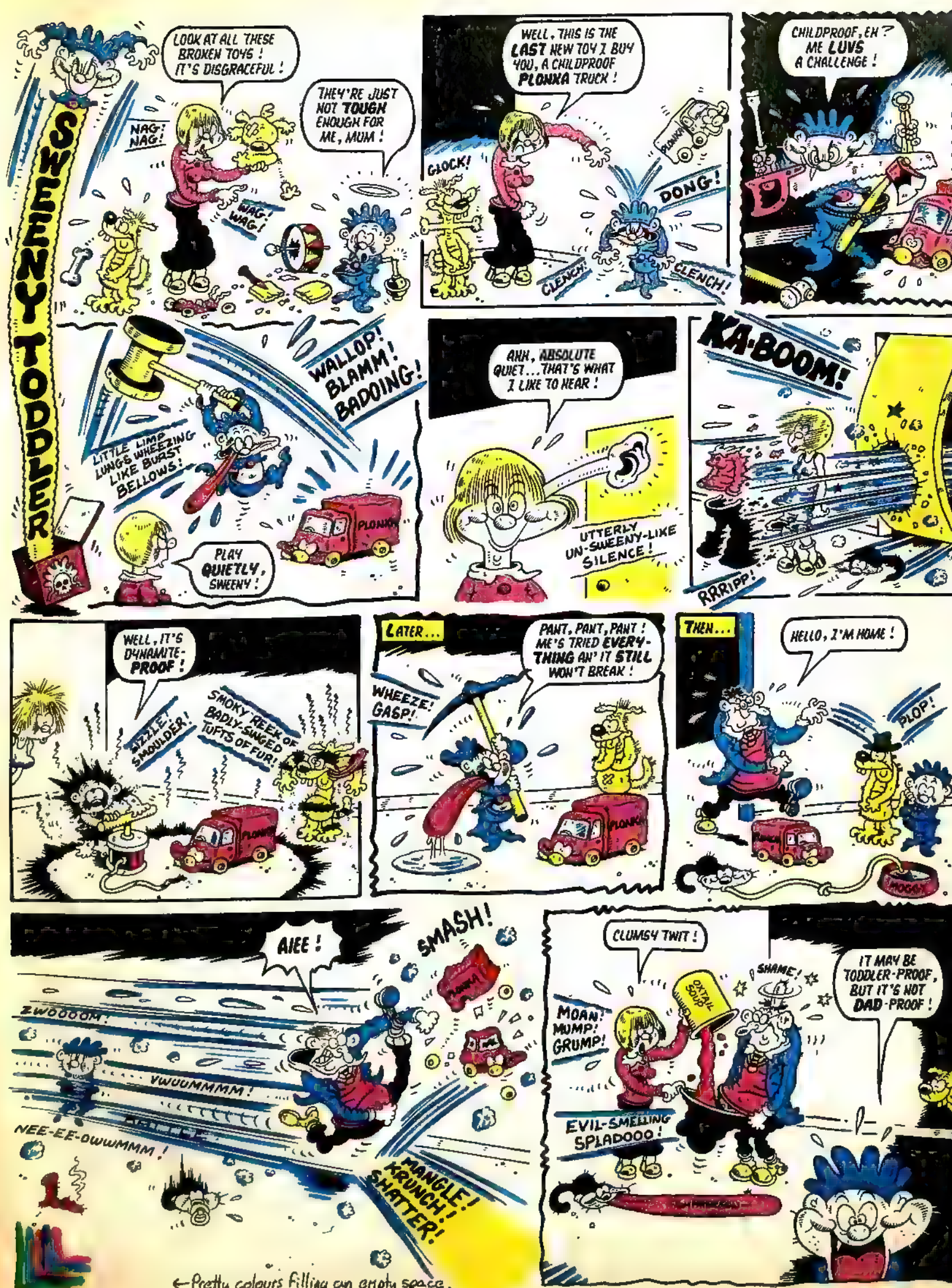


Odd-BALL



DOZY DEREK





MELVYN'S MIRROR

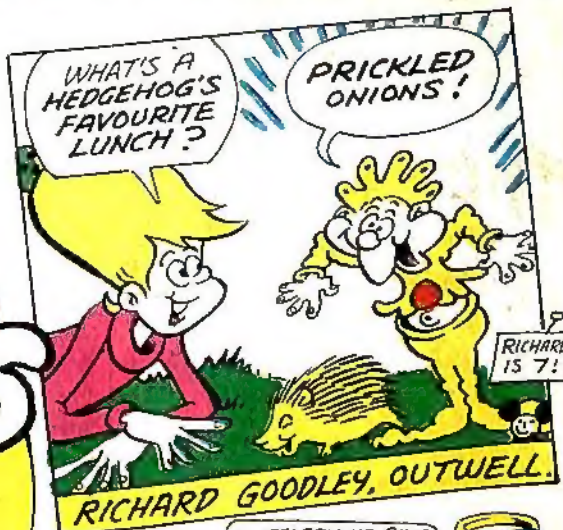


← Pretty colours filling an empty space.

How would you like your joke to appear on my Joke Pad? Just send it to: Chalky's Joke Pad, Buster Comic, Fleetway Publications, PO Box 164, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3XB. The sender of each joke I select will receive £2. If your joke is chosen as my 'Golden Gag' you win £5.

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HA!

CHALKY'S JOKE Pad!

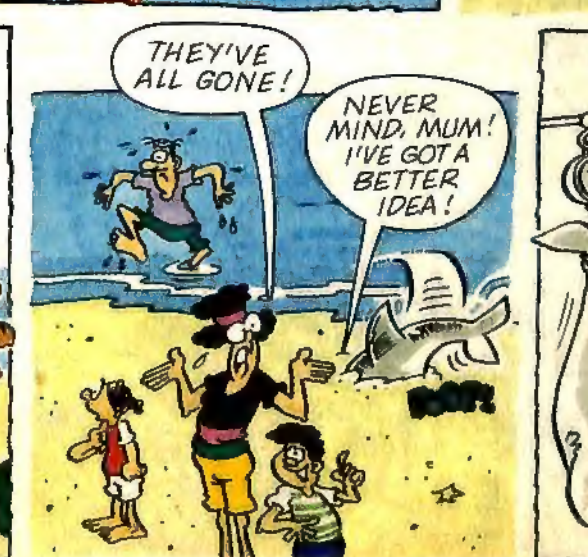
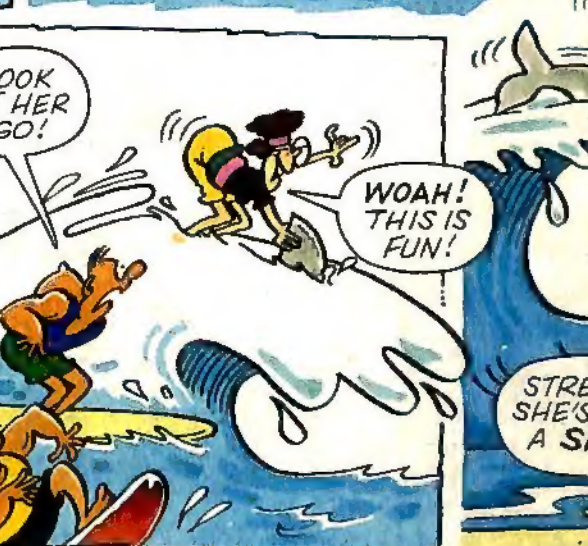
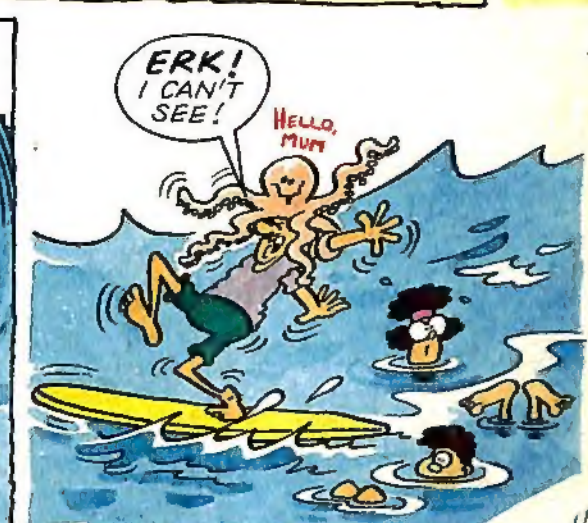


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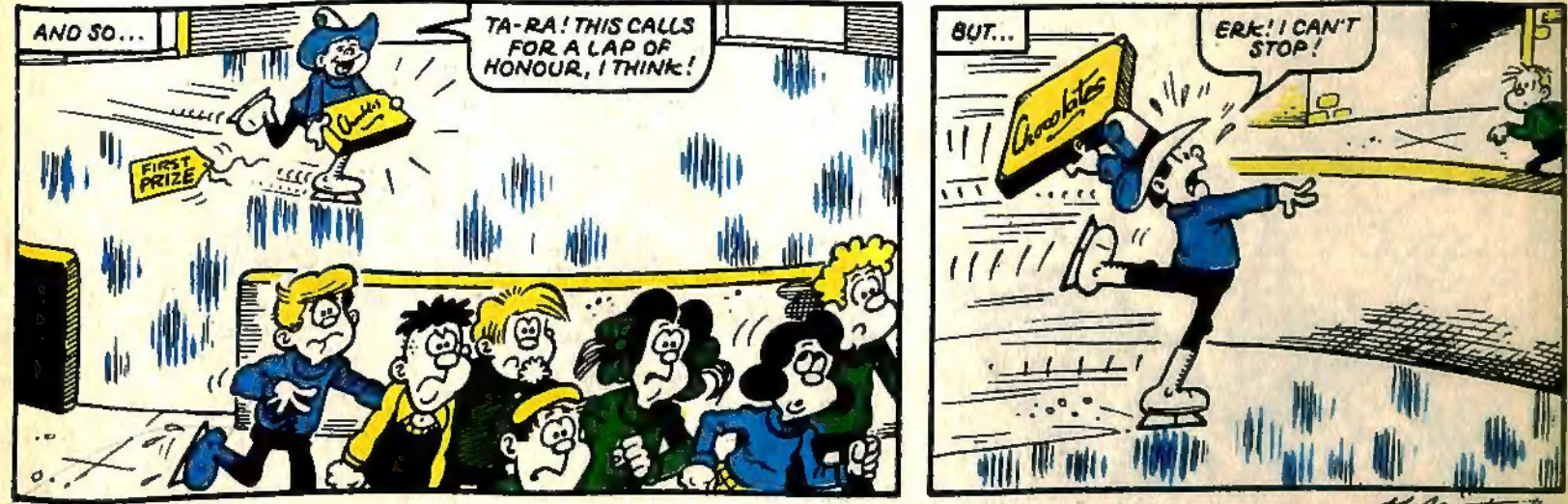
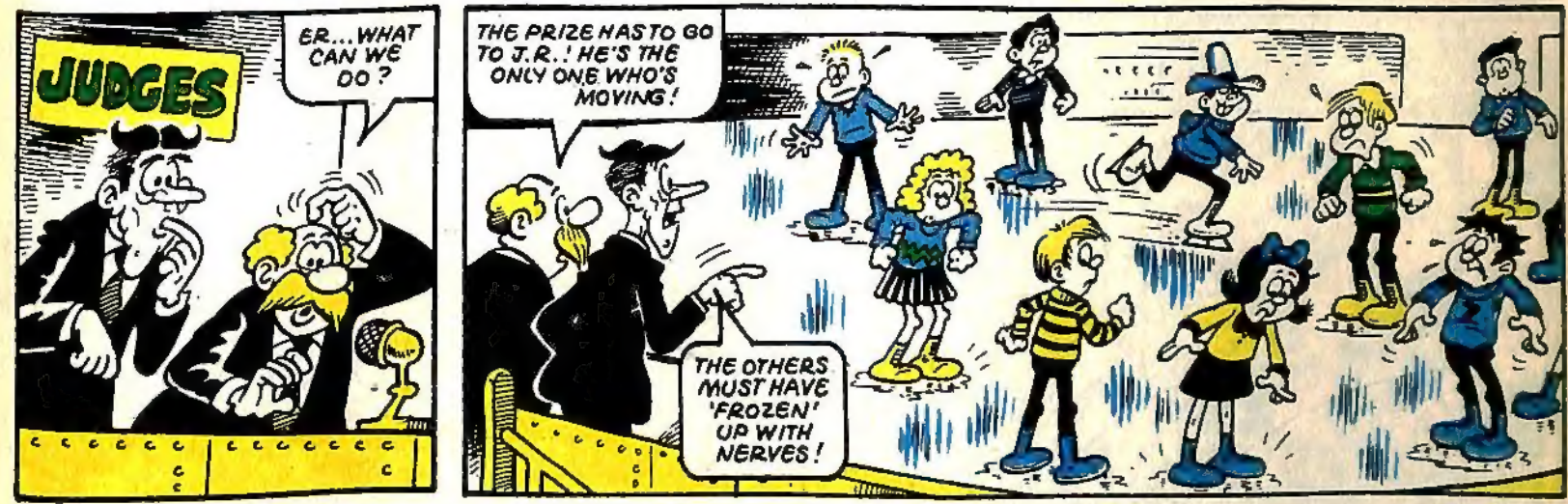
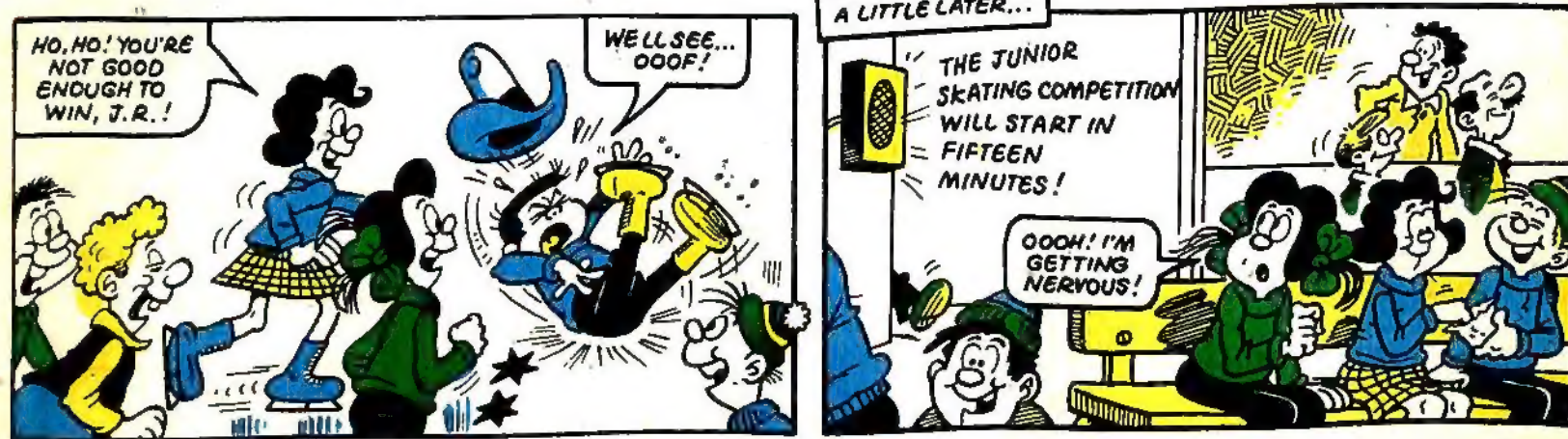
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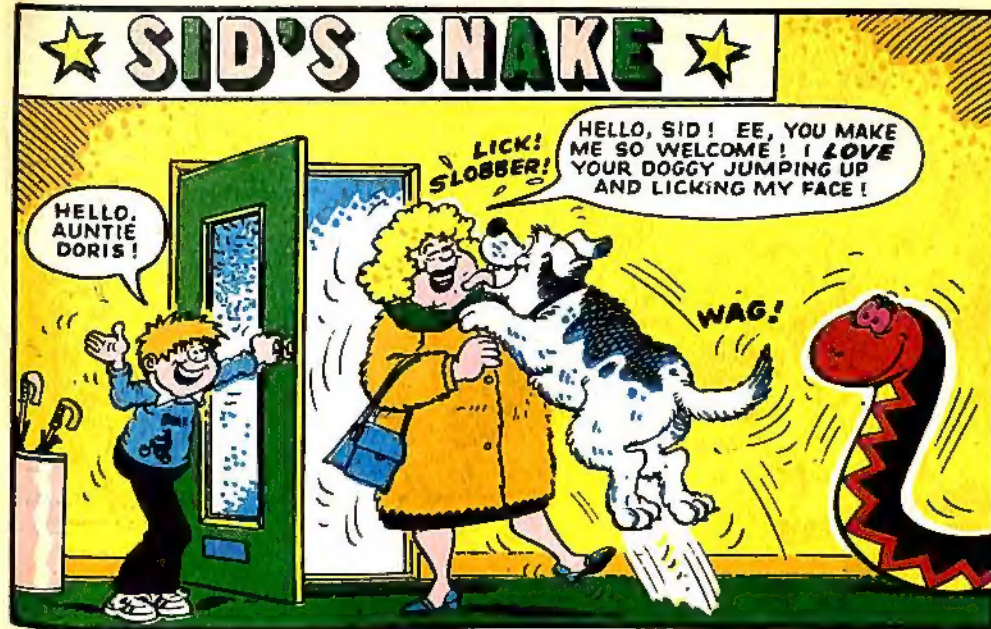
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